



# Farm Report

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## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during April, 2007, totaled 599 million eggs, down 6 percent from last month and down 5 percent compared with a year earlier when production for April, 2006 totaled 629 million eggs. During April, there were 27.3 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,196 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.2 percent. There were 3.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on May 1, 2007, compared with 4.0 percent on the same date a year earlier. Twenty-one and one half percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, down 0.5 percent from a year ago. In all egg-producing states on May 1, 2007, 5.4 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.2 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.43 billion during April 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from April 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2007 totaled 342 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2007, averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from May 1, 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 39.7 million, up 12 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on May 1, 2007, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 801 million, up 2 percent from April 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 680 million on May 1, 2007, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 32.5 million, up 3 percent from May 1, 2006. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the April 1, 2007 total of 31.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, and South Central and West down 3 percent.

## APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2006	2007		2007	2006	2007	2006
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,423	27,274	2,196	629	599	3,223	3,058
U.S.	348,643	343,825	2,162	7,543	7,434	37,886	37,533

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

## CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
April	35,435	39,704	112	787,457	800,524	102	24,212	26,140	108
Jan.-April	142,808	153,933	108	3,143,525	3,132,075	100	188,766	198,986	105

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

## EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1, 2007

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
E. North Central <sup>1/</sup>	7,788	6,904	89	9,444	11,084	117	5,030	4,634	92
United States	37,516	36,848	98	658,354	679,972	103	31,667	32,529	103

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States.

**CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2004 TO 2006**

CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND DISPOSITION, 2004 TO 2006								
Year	On hand January 1	Calves born	Inship- ments	Marketings		On farm slaughter	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
Thousand Head								
2004	1,230	470	67	329	75	5.0	25.0	33.0
2005	1,300	470	40	384	85	6.0	22.0	33.0
2006	1,280	480	46	404	86	6.0	20.0	30.0

**CATTLE AND CALF PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2004 TO 2006**

Year	Production	Marketings	Average price per 100 lbs.		Cash receipts	Value of home consumption	Gross income
			Cattle	Calves			
Thousand Pounds		Dollars		Thousand Dollars			
2004	402,673	380,160	77.70	103.00	301,578	19,554	321,132
2005	401,441	443,060	83.30	118.00	378,906	22,484	401,390
2006	487,305	468,740	83.60	118.00	401,739	23,563	425,302

**HOG INVENTORY NUMBERS, PIG CROP AND DISPOSITION, OHIO, 2002 TO 2006**

Year	December 1 Inventory <sup>1</sup>	Pig Crop		Inshipments	Marketings <sup>2</sup>	Farm <sup>3</sup> Slaughter	Deaths
		Dec-May	Jun-Nov				
Thousand Head							
2002	1,430	1,333	1,340	490	3,027	8	118
2003	1,440	1,307	1,327	450	2,883	8	113
2004	1,520	1,301	1,361	570	3,186	8	108
2005	1,450	1,386	1,447	474	3,065	8	124
2006	1,560	1,439	1,533	657	3,380	8	121

1/ December 1 previous year. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

**HOG PRODUCTION AND INCOME, OHIO, 2002 TO 2006**

Year	Production	Marketings	Price per cwt.	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
2002	770,158	786,995	33.20	262,307	2,162	264,469
2003	725,762	723,240	38.10	276,864	2,517	279,381
2004	768,946	813,885	49.30	402,719	3,263	405,982
2005	805,655	811,590	49.40	402,415	3,230	405,645
2006	874,901	878,870	44.70	394,650	2,862	397,512

## APRIL MILK PRODUCTION

Total milk production in Ohio during April 2007 was 424 million pounds, 6 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during April 2007 was 275 thousand, 2 thousand more than a year earlier. Yield per cow, at 1,540 pounds, was 1 percent above a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2006. March revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from

March 2006. The March revision represented an increase of 11 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,745 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 39,000 head more than April 2006, but 6,000 head less than March 2007.

### MARCH MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	1,000 gallons		Percent	1,000 gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,445	2,073	85	82,123	78,106	95

### APRIL MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION <sup>1/</sup>

State	Milk cows on farm <sup>2/</sup>			Milk per cow			Milk Production <sup>3/</sup>			07/06
	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,784	1,796	1,797	1,855	1,980	1,920	3,309	3,556	3,450	104
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>101</b>
Wisconsin	1,241	1,246	1,246	1,580	1,640	1,615	1,961	2,043	2,012	103
23 State Total	8,240	8,285	8,279	1,726	1,783	1,745	14,222	14,771	14,443	102

1/ March 2007 revised. 2/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

## OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during April 2007 totaled 23.2 million pounds; was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 8.8 million pounds, up 16 percent from last year; calves 25,000 pounds, no reported slaughter last year; hogs, 23.9 million pounds, up 6 percent; sheep & lambs, 167 thousand pounds, up 4 percent. April 2007 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds in April, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, 14 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,900

head, up 19 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,900 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago. January to April 2007 commercial red meat production was 15.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

### APRIL COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.
	Number of Head (000)					
Cattle	7.6	8.8	116	2,608.6	2,701.6	104
Calves	<sup>1/</sup>	0.1	-	47.7	56.9	119
Hogs	82.6	88.2	107	7,959.3	8,465.3	106
Sheep & lambs	1.6	1.6	100	247.1	216.9	88
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,193	1,187	99	1,240	1,235	100
Calves	<sup>1/</sup>	351	-	361	347	96
Hogs	274	272	99	272	270	99
Sheep & lambs	103	106	103	136	139	102
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	8,954	10,302	115	3,222,245	3,324,260	103
Calves	<sup>1/</sup>	25	-	17,156	19,674	115
Hogs	22,638	23,913	106	2,160,169	2,284,018	106
Sheep & lambs	161	167	104	33,477	30,004	90

1/ No slaughter reported.

# CORNBELT I HIRED WORKERS UNCHANGED, WAGE RATES DOWN

There were 47,000 hired workers in the Cornbelt I region during the survey week of April 8-14, 2007, unchanged from last year. There were 38,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more and 9,000 hired workers who worked 149 days or less.

Farm operators in the Cornbelt I region paid their hired farm workers an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the survey week, down 0.30 cents per hour from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.86 per hour, down 32 cents per hour from April 2006. Livestock workers earned \$9.16 per hour down from \$9.59 per hour last year. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers at \$9.45 per hour was down 0.55 cents per hour from last year.

On U.S. farms and ranches, there were 961,000 hired farm and

service workers during the survey week, unchanged from last year. Of these hired workers, 720,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees, on farms & ranches made up the remaining 241,000 workers. U.S. hired workers were paid an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the April 2007 reference week, up 0.39 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received \$9.35 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.55 per hour compared with \$9.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.41 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

## FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, EASTERN CORN BELT AND U.S., APRIL 9-15, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS

	Corn Belt <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	April 9-15 2006	Jan. 7-13 2007 <sup>5/</sup>	April 8-14 2007	April 9-15 2006	Jan. 7-13 2007 <sup>5/</sup>	April 8-14 2007
<b>Thousand of Workers</b>						
Farm Employment						
Hired	47	NA	47	720	NA	720
150 days or more	40	NA	38	581	NA	580
149 days or less	7	NA	9	139	NA	140
Ag. Service Workers				241	NA	241
<b>Dollars per hour</b>						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	10.47	NA	10.17	9.78	NA	10.17
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock	10.00	NA	9.45	9.06	NA	9.41
Field	10.18	NA	9.86	8.95	NA	9.35
Livestock	9.59	NA	9.16	9.31	NA	9.55
<b>Hours Worked per week</b>						
Hired	42.0	NA	42.2	40.8	NA	40.6

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wages rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ January 2007 labor data not available due to budget constraints.

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